

93 of Prince Hall Free & Accepted Masons; Life Member of the Tampa Branch of the NAACP; and a Deacon of the New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, Inc. He also continues to uplift and highlight the history and contributions of the African American community to Hillsborough County.

Madam Speaker, Les Miller, Jr. embodies what it is to be a public servant and citizen. He has shown the way for generations to come, always giving his very best, leading by example and always working to make lives better for those he serves. On behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Les Miller, Jr. for his formidable efforts and selfless devotion to the people in our community and congratulate him one more time, on his retirement.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES E.
TROSTLE

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles E. Trostle of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. Charles is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Charles for his service to our nation and our community.

RETIREMENT OF WANDA
BLACKWELL

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wanda Blackwell on her retirement from the Webster County Senior Center, where she has served as Director for the last four years. She is beloved by the seniors she cares for and their families because her devotion to serving others is evident in every effort she undertakes.

Just a year ago, Webster County opened a new senior center that has already enriched the lives of so many and is evidence of the devotion Wanda and her team have for their fellow citizens.

Whether she was serving or delivering meals, decorating and improving the center or raising funds to expand their offerings and programming, she did it all with a smile on her face. Wanda lives by the saying, "grow where God planted you" and has been a shining example of giving back to the local community.

I join with Wanda's family, friends, and all those she has served throughout her time with the center to thank her for her outstanding efforts to better the lives of others, and I wish her many happy years of retirement.

HONORING CITY OF ST. HELENA
EMPLOYEES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the city employees of my hometown, St. Helena, California, for their bravery and service while protecting our community from the devastating Glass Fire. These first responders, public works employees, and civil servants rose to responsibilities well outside of their roles, exhibiting altruism and versatility in their efforts to protect our community in times of crisis.

St. Helena is fortunate to have dedicated first responders to call upon when disaster strikes. Despite dangerous conditions, the men and women of the St. Helena Fire Department courageously battled the blaze for 23 continuous days. Working 12- and 24-hour shifts, they successfully defended our city from the wildfire. In coordination with the Fire Department's efforts, the St. Helena Police Department went door to door to notify residents of the mandatory evacuation orders. Officers, many of whom were displaced by the Glass Fire, worked night and day to ensure public safety by closing roads and escorting evacuees to collect their belongings.

In addition to the heroes in St. Helena's emergency services, other city employees answered the call to safeguard our community. Six Public Works employees risked their lives to shield vital infrastructure at the Louis Stralla Water Treatment Plant and the Bell Canyon Reservoir from destruction, fighting flames in their street clothes alongside city and CalFire crews. Persevering through power outages and poor air quality, city workers across numerous city departments continued to work to meet critical needs in the face of disaster. These are only a few examples of the tremendous grit and commitment city employees showed during the emergency.

Lastly, the city of St. Helena could not have gotten through this disaster without strong leaders at its helm. In particular, Fire Chief John Sorenson, Police Chief Chris Hartley, and City Manager Mark Prestwich distinguished themselves through their exemplary leadership and expertise in coordinating the city's response.

Madam Speaker, during times of crisis, our citizens often look to their public servants for guidance and assistance. The employees of the City of St. Helena represent the very best in service, dedication, and selfless conviction to community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them today.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD J. SCRAM

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward J. Scram of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Air Force. Edward is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF HEE SOOK
LEE

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hee Sook Lee, the founder of Buk Chang Dong (BCD) Tofu House, a chain of Korean soondubu jjigae (tofu soup) restaurants that have since become a cultural touchstone to so many Korean Americans and have helped bring Korean cuisine to the global stage.

Lee's life story reflects the passion and commitment to which she built the legacy of BCD. When Lee was younger, her father suffered a debilitating stroke. Lee decided to skip college to support her mother who had been washing dishes in restaurants and selling dishware at flea markets to support Lee and her three siblings.

In 1989, Lee immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Los Angeles so her children could learn English and seize the opportunities life in the U.S. offered. Her husband became an established restaurateur and Lee became busy raising their three sons. However, Lee was itching to start something of her own. Seeing how so many Koreans found success in opening restaurants, Lee decided to open one of her own. In 1996, on Vermont Avenue in LA's Koreatown, Lee opened BCD, naming the restaurant after the district in Korea where Lee gained some experience and training in the food industry.

Lee eventually achieved her dream of opening a restaurant where she could share her love and passion for Korean cuisine. However, she never imagined what she had started would soon become an empire of Korean restaurants, with 13 locations across the U.S., and that she would have Asian supermarkets stocked full of her soup starter kits.

Over the years, BCD has become the go-to place for those seeking good and authentic Korean food. To others it quickly became